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The Grange.

In speaking of the Grange organization, Master T. R. Allen, of the Missouri State Grange, says: By frequently meeting they have got better acquainted with each other; acquaintance has ripened into friendship; each has discovered in the other good traits of character, that before they had no idea that they possessed; Jealousy and prejudice have both given way to a better state of feeling—that of mutual confidence—a sympathetic feeling and a realization of an identity of interest, in fact's feeling of fraternity. Now, they are not only neighbors, but good neighbors, useful and kind toward each other, so are their families. Now, they can help each other, co-operate together for mutual benefit; they have no disposition to go to law with each other about trivial matters, but are willing to settle their differences when they do occur by arbitration in the Grange. They still differ in opinion on many subjects, of course, but they hold that an honest difference of opinion is not a crime. They discuss these differences, but not in bitterness of spirit, but coolly and dispassionately with a view of reconciling them by arriving at the truth which probably lies somewhere between them. They are becoming more and more tolerant of each other's views and opinions on all subjects; they are encouraging and stimulating each other to worthy efforts and deeds for the common welfare; to reading and to study for the acquisition of useful knowledge. What a wonderful change is this! Can any one estimate its value to the neighborhood? No. It is not possible. But multiply this by two thousand for Missouri, and for the whole country by twenty-five thousand. Then, who will undertake to estimate the good that has resulted from it already?

CORRESPONDENCE.

Notes of a Trip through the Valley.

MONDAY, Aug. 2, 1876.

ED. FARMER: Having just made a trip through the Willamette valley, from Eugene City northward, on the east side, to Corvallis, thence, on the west side, to Portland, through the farming portion of the valley, I have made the following observations: That Eugene is in good business condition, and, since the University debt has been guaranteed, the county out of debt and funds in the treasury, her people have reason to be glad over the bountiful harvest now almost ready for the sickle. In the forks of the Willamette many fields are foul with cockle and wild oats, showing that all Oregon farmers have not yet reached the standard of perfection in the management of farms. In Linn county, on the wet lands, crops will be light, and wild oats show most prominently in many fields as far north as Yamhill county. Harrisburg seems to be about "holding its own" by way of improvement, yet there seems to be no decrease in business. Albany is growing rapidly, for a "dry-land" town. Peoria and Corvallis seem full of business, but have not the appearance of improvement. Monmouth, Polk county, is noted more for its educational enterprise and morality than for actual business, yet the town has the appearance of steady growth, and several new residences are being built. It is a village whose people seem to have retired from hard toil and busy life, and settled down here, on this peaceful knoll, to live—not to fight, or slander, or steal and trade. Prof. Campbell, President of Christian College, is busy working in the interests of that institution, to relieve it from debt and place it on a firmer basis. His success depends upon the estimate that people of wealth set upon education, and of course the people of Oregon desire to keep pace with the rest of the world in the progress of science and morality.

JOHN WATERS.
LEONARD-BURG, July 17, 1876.

HARD TIMES.

Is it true that, as a people, we are suffering from "hard times"? Does commerce languish? Is trade dull? Is business prosperous? Are our manufactory closing, owing to the stringency of the times? Are agricultural pursuits suffering? When we look at the character of some of the largest aggregate expenditures that are made in this country, it would seem that all of this story about "hard times" must be a sham and delusion.

It is estimated that in the city of Chicago alone, \$17,000,000 are expended annually for liquor by the glass.

It is estimated that between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 are expended annually, in this city, for cigars and tobacco, which are consumed by the purchasers.

How much more is expended for admissions to the theaters, circuses, negro minstrels, and for the purchase of cheap jewelry, silks, satins, gawaws, feathers and fringes, and pretty things to wear, we leave to conjecture, but the sum total must amount to several millions more.

It is, seemingly, of no consequence that our city debt is somewhere from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000; that \$8,000,000 of taxes remain unpaid; that our jails, poorhouses and asylums are filled; that our streets are in a most wretched condition; that public improvements are almost wholly suspended; that our streets are filled with thousands of half-starved men, women and children; so long as the work of the devil is carried forward at an expense of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 in cash, and an untold number of bodies and souls of human beings!

Talk about hard times! A high authority gives the following list of unecessaries, with the amount of money annually expended upon each of them, in this country:

Cost of dogs.....	70,000,000
Support of criminals.....	12,000,000
Fees of litigation.....	35,000,000
Cost of tobacco and cigars.....	610,000,000
Importation of liquor.....	50,000,000
Support of grog-shops.....	1,500,000,000
Wholesale cost of liquor.....	2,200,000,000

Surely this does not look like hard times. What an incalculable amount of good might be done for the human race with these vast sums of money properly expended, which are now worse than thrown away!—Western Racet.

The Farmers there seem to have used judgment in the management of their farms—at least they are ahead for good clean crops. Reedville is a station in Washington county, noticeable only for the fine farm of S. G. Reed, the fine-stock raiser. This well-arranged farm presents a powerful contrast with other farms in the valley. There I saw the best field of wheat on my route. Any farmer would be well paid for his time and trouble by the lessons he would learn in a visit to this farm.

Taking a "bird's-eye view" of Oregon farms, it is plain to be seen that there is much room for improvement in the management. Farming is an occupation requiring brain-work as well as muscle, and not until farmers begin to *study* will they reach the maximum productiveness of the soil. Some do not harrow their summer-fallow, which is a mistake. It should not be allowed to dry in great clods as the plow turns it. Some leave hay in the field for weeks after cutting, exposed to the sun. It should be mowed as soon as dry enough. Some have let the foul growth "get the best" of their crops. Some do not drain properly. All these go to show the ignorance or laziness of the managers. It costs nearly as much to run a farm *strong* as it does to run it *right*. The difference is in the profit.

Geo. M. MILLER.

Correspondence from Ohio.

Editor Willamette Farmer:

THE Doctor is now curing Chronic Diseases by hydrotherapy, considered incurable, by new and rational methods of treatment, on moderate terms. He belongs to no "school" of medicine, but, admitting there is some truth in Allopathy, Hydrotherapy, Homoeopathy, and Mesmerism, he rejects them all as a whole, retaining from each whatever experience has proven to be beneficial. He holds that no man, however well read in science, can cure those chronic diseases which now baffle the skill of all the schools, who has no other resources than those obtained by reading all the medical books yet published—the "Expert" authorities not excepted. But he does hold that by his system of Medical Electric Vapor Baths, and by acting on the blood, the brain, and spinal nerves by counter-irritants and harmless medicines, every diseased organ in the body can be restored, where there has been no pathological evolution resulting in entire loss of function. He has demonstrated this in many instances, by curing every case he has had of what doctors not unknown to fame have pronounced "incurable heart disease," besides having recovered patients from phthisis, bronchitis, consumption, high fever, dropsy, rheumatism, pleurisy, &c. Those who have never complained of these diseases, may be assured that they will never do so again. The Dr. claims to have succeeded in modifying galvanism so as to make it serve for animal magnetism, brain life, vital force, or the "vital fluid," which, when associated, heals all curable lesions in the body. The current sent through the brain, and over the right pair of nerves to every portion of tissue in the body, while the patient is passing through the bath. This bath is the Dr.'s own invention, and combining all the advantages of the Turkish and other baths, and being devoid of all acids and dangers, is pronounced by those who have tried the best baths in Europe, the Eastern cities, California, and Oregon, far superior to any of them.

Out of a host of certificates as to the result of his treatment which could be published, the following are offered to sufferers. They do not embrace, however, the most remarkable of his cures:

Items are filled; that our streets are in a most wretched condition; that public improvements are almost wholly suspended; that our streets are filled with thousands of half-starved men, women and children; so long as the work of the devil is carried forward at an expense of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 in cash, and an untold number of bodies and souls of human beings!

Gem of the sod of Kathy!

POETRY.

THE CHAMELEON FLOWER.

BY REV. THERON BROWN.

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